

FIRE AND GO MISSIONS COURSE



Lesson 17: Spiritual Warfare in Missions

Equipping leaders to confront the unseen reality.

Every Missionary Advance is a Direct Challenge to the Kingdom of Darkness

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age...” — Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)



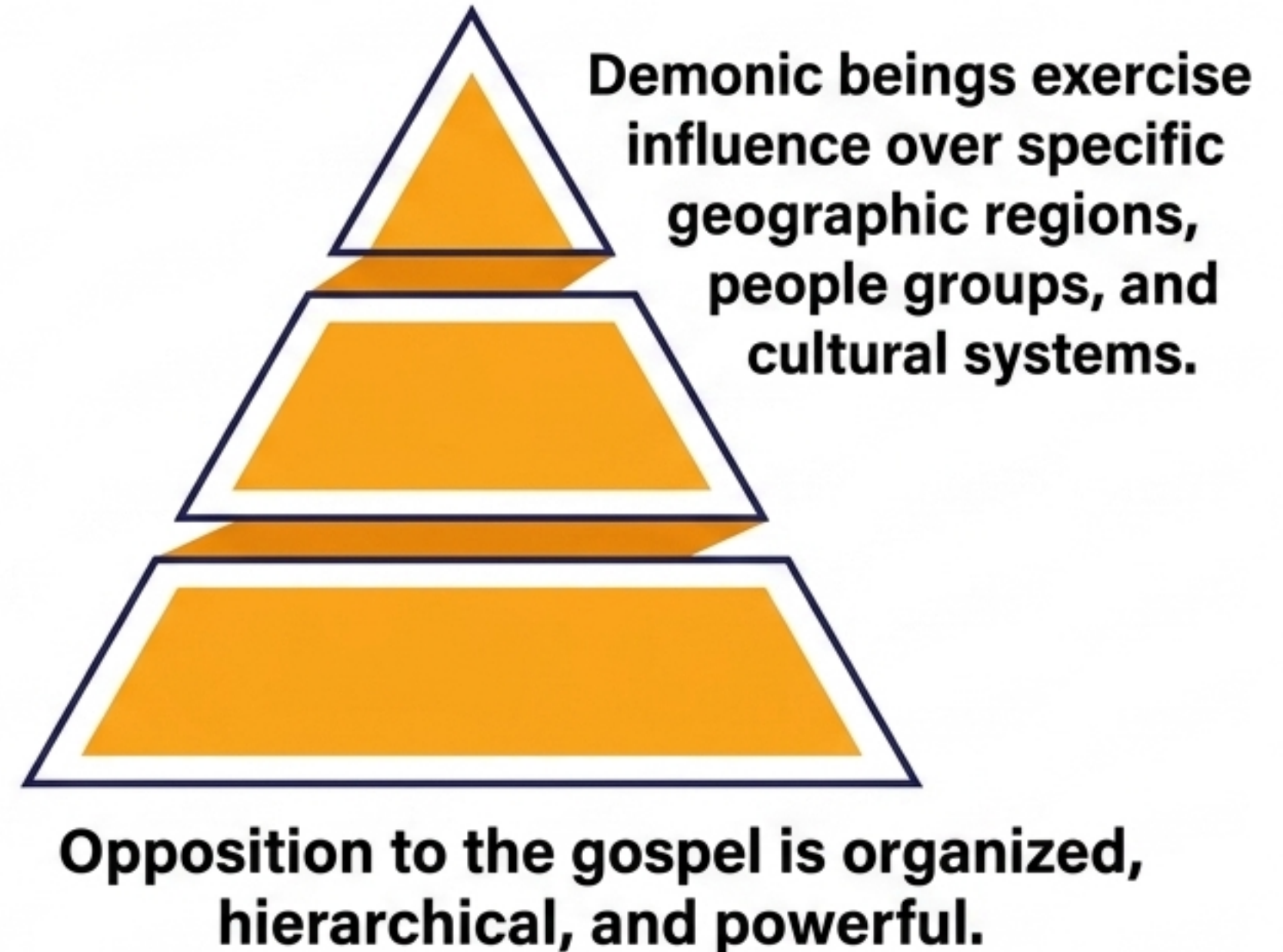
Key Insight: Displacing spiritual powers that have held communities in bondage requires recognizing that the resistance you face is not merely human.

The Reality of Territorial Powers

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“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me...”
(Daniel 10:13)

Organized Opposition



Strategic Level Prayer Warfare



1. Sustained Intercession

Focused prayer before entering a new people group or territory.



2. Shifting the Atmosphere

Addressing the territorial powers that hold a community in darkness.



3. Ground-Level Advance

Opening the way for effective gospel proclamation.

The Four Weapons of Our Warfare

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God...” (2 Cor 10:4)

1



**Prayer and
Fasting**

2



**The Name
of Jesus**

3



**The Blood
of Jesus**

4



**The Word
of God**

Deploying the Arsenal

Prayer & Fasting



Shifts the spiritual atmosphere. Breaks resistance that “does not go out except by prayer and fasting” (Matt 17:21).

The Name of Jesus



Exercises supreme authority. It is not a magical formula, but the right of a submissive believer to exercise Christ’s authority over demons (Luke 10:17).

The Blood of Jesus



Silences accusations. A powerful declaration of Christ’s finished work against the attacks of the enemy (Rev 12:11).

The Word of God



Provides precise counter-attacks. The “sword of the Spirit” used with exact accuracy, just as Jesus used it in the wilderness.

The Hidden Threat to the Missionary



Direct Confrontation

- Dramatic, visible power encounters.
- Overt demonic resistance to the gospel.
- Missionaries are usually highly alert and prepared for this.



Slow Erosion

- The enemy's patient, strategic alternative.
- Moral failure, hidden pride, deep exhaustion, and isolation.
- **The Danger:** If the enemy cannot stop you with confrontation, he will quietly dismantle you through erosion.

Safeguards for Long-Term Spiritual Health



The Gifts of the Spirit as Strategic Intelligence

Discerning of spirits, tongues, and prophecy are powerful tools for identifying spiritual opposition and unlocking communities through deliverance.

Error 1

Ignoring spiritual warfare, treating missions as merely a social or intellectual enterprise.

The Pentecostal Balance

Going forward in bold, confident, Christ-centered faith—aware of the battle, but completely unafraid.

Error 2

Obsessive focus on demons, leading to fear, spiritual pride, and losing sight of the simple gospel.

Reflection Questions

- 1** How does Daniel 10 change your understanding of why some communities seem so resistant to the gospel?
- 2** Which of the weapons of spiritual warfare do you feel most equipped to use? Which needs more development?
- 3** How does the enemy attempt to destroy missionaries through slow erosion? What safeguards do you currently have?
- 4** How can your church develop a culture of strategic intercessory prayer to support its missionary workers?

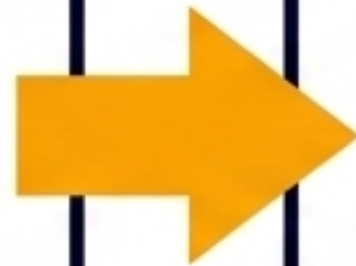
Corporate Prayer Focus

- **Put on the Armor:** Deliberately pray through the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:13–18) over your life and ministry.
- **Target the Strongholds:** Pray against the specific spiritual forces that hold unreached communities in your region in bondage.
- **Release Angelic Support:** Ask God to release His angels to prepare the way and strengthen every active missionary operating in your nation.

Action Step: The Daniel 10 Strategy

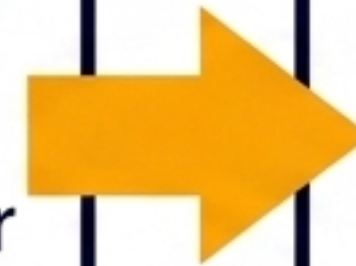
Step 1: Identify

Locate the most spiritually resistant community or people group near your church—a place where the gospel seems to make no progress.



Step 2: Gather

Organize a dedicated team of three to five intercessors from your congregation.



Step 3: Commit

Commit to praying specifically for that community once a week for three months. Record the shifts in the spiritual atmosphere.